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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2379**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk**

February 18, 2016

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An act to amend Section 25942 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2379, as amended, Quirk. Energy: home energy rating program: report.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prepare an integrated energy policy report every 2 years. Under existing law, the report is required to include an evaluation of the energy savings attributable to the *statewide home energy rating* program and a recommendation concerning which means and methods will be most efficient and ~~cost-effective~~ *cost effective* to induce home energy ratings for residential dwellings.

This bill would additionally require the report to include a comparison of actual energy ~~savings~~ *consumption* and the models or projections used to qualify the rating program and would update an obsolete cross-reference.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25942 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 25942. (a) On or before July 1, 1995, the commission shall  
2 establish criteria for adopting a statewide home energy rating  
3 program for residential dwellings. The program criteria shall  
4 include, but are not limited to, all of the following elements:

5 (1) Consistent, accurate, and uniform ratings based on a single  
6 statewide rating scale.

7 (2) Reasonable estimates of potential utility bill savings, and  
8 reliable recommendations on cost-effective measures to improve  
9 energy efficiency.

10 (3) Training and certification procedures for home raters and  
11 quality assurance procedures to promote accurate ratings and to  
12 protect consumers.

13 (4) In coordination with home energy rating service organization  
14 databases, procedures to establish a centralized, publicly-accessible,  
15 *accessible* database that includes a uniform reporting system for  
16 information on residential dwellings, excluding proprietary  
17 information, needed to facilitate the program. There shall be no  
18 public access to information in the database concerning specific  
19 dwellings without the owner's or occupant's permission.

20 (5) Labeling procedures that will meet the needs of home buyers,  
21 homeowners, renters, the real estate industry, and mortgage lenders  
22 with an interest in home energy ratings.

23 (b) The commission shall adopt the program pursuant to  
24 subdivision (a) in consultation with representatives of the  
25 Department of Real Estate, the Department of Housing and  
26 Community Development, the Public Utilities Commission,  
27 investor-owned and municipal utilities, cities and counties, real  
28 estate licensees, home builders, mortgage lenders, home appraisers  
29 and inspectors, home energy rating organizations, contractors who  
30 provide home energy services, consumer groups, and  
31 environmental groups.

32 (c) On and after January 1, 1996, no home energy rating services  
33 may be performed in this state unless the services have been  
34 certified, if such a certification program is available, by the  
35 commission to be in compliance with the program criteria specified  
36 in subdivision (a) and, in addition, are in conformity with any other  
37 applicable element of the program.

38 (d) On or before July 1, 1996, the commission shall consult with  
39 the agencies and organizations described in subdivision (b), to  
40 facilitate a public information program to inform homeowners,

1 rental property owners, renters, sellers, and others of the existence  
2 of the statewide home energy rating program adopted by the  
3 commission.

4 (e) The commission shall, as part of the integrated energy policy  
5 report prepared pursuant to Section 25302, report on the progress  
6 made to implement a statewide home energy rating program. The  
7 report shall include an evaluation of the energy savings attributable  
8 to the program, a comparison of actual energy ~~savings~~ *consumption*  
9 and the models or projections used to qualify the rating program,  
10 and a recommendation concerning which means and methods will  
11 be most efficient and ~~cost-effective~~ *cost effective* to induce home  
12 energy ratings for residential dwellings.